

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
**COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, October 9, 2012  
6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Maggie Sullivan, David Rollo, Molly O'Donnell, Bill Brown, David Parkhurst, Jeff Jewel, Amanda Figolah, Ashley Skooglund, George Huntington, Claire Cumberland, Ted Mendoza, Cynthia Schultz, Gary Charbonneau

Regrets: Caleb Steiner

Staff: Jacqui Bauer, Ian Champ

Chair Maggie Sullivan called the meeting to order at **6:06** pm.

**Public Comment:**

Middle Way House is hosting an event to promote their rooftop garden initiative. All are invited to attend.

**Announcements:**

- Ashley Skooglund –
  - Historic Curry Building received Energy Star designation 2<sup>nd</sup> yr running.
  - Monroe County Government won an Association of Indiana Counties government leadership cooperation award for their work in energy conservation this year.
  - The courthouse renovation is still continuing but the building is open to the public once again. New lighting, more efficient boiler runtimes, addition of insulation are all some of the modifications which moved the Courthouse from an 11 to an 85 on the EnergyStar rating system. Open house date to be determined.
- Jeff Jewel – will be giving a presentation on rails to trails in Ellettsville on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- George Huntington – former grocery store at 2<sup>nd</sup> and fess is slated to be demolished soon to make way for the new Bloomingfoods at that location.
- Bill Brown – IUOS just finished their Million Gallon Challenge and reduced water use by about 3.77 million gallons (~\$70,000 saved) university-wide.
- Molly O'Donnell – Church is attempting to gain grant funding for increased solar installation on church facilities and congregation homes.
- Jacqui Bauer:
  - Next Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, is the next Facility Manager's Network meeting,
  - Bloomington won a Green Community award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

- Cynthia Schultz – Green Drinks Bloomington will be hosting Bill Brown on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm at Upland Brewery.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The September minutes were approved as written unanimously.

The July minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

### **Report on the Bloomington Food Policy – Food Charter:**

David Parkhurst:

- Motion to allow the Food Policy Commission to review and vote on the proposed revisions from last month,
- Motion passes.

### **Report on the Joint (City/County) Deer Taskforce:**

Dave Rollo

- Began with a humane deer management position statement that is modeled after the Humane Society's position statement.
- The taskforce has been meeting monthly for roughly two years and throughout the process, public comment has been a key component.
- If left unchecked, the deer population in the Bloomington and larger Monroe County area will double every 3-4 years.
- The deer are not yet at carrying capacity but they are impacting other species and vegetation in the area. Therefore, the report infers that the deer in our area have reached or surpassed their "social carrying capacity" which is distinct from carrying capacity.
- For deer management both lethal and non-lethal methods are prescribed.

*Discussion:*

- Multiple committee members voice support for the report,
- The commission voted to write a letter of endorsement for the report, with two members abstaining.
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### **Report from the Chair:**

Maggie asked Commission members to share ideas for initiatives for 2013

- Cynthia Schultz – Continue working on STAR and furthering its objectives
- David Rollo – Work on the City's Comprehensive Plan as a committee
- Ashley Skooglund – defer – continue county cooperation with city efforts,
- Claire Cumberland – grow edibles around and along the B-Line
- Jeff Jewel – collaborate on the Comprehensive Plan, working on the Zoning Codes and altering them to be more environmentally friendly
- David Parkhurst – Promoting urban agriculture, working on the food policy commission
- Amanda Figolah – working with Monroe County schools to enhance and expand cooperation between the facilities, perhaps create a sustainability team for the school corporation – "Sustainability in Schools"
- Gary Charbonneau – work on the City's Comprehensive plan

- George Huntington – work on the City’s comprehensive plan, work to further sustainability outreach, education and implementation in the Monroe County School Corporation
- Molly O’Donnell – find IU USGBC students projects to undertake and implement projects
- Jacqui Bauer – Work on the Comprehensive plan, draft ordinances, other initiatives based on member interest and the amount of time they can commit.
- Maggie Sullivan– focus on a select few concrete projects to undertake this next year and achieve the goals we set out to achieve.

### **Report from the Sustainability Coordinator:**

Jacqui gave updates on a couple of issues

- Two workshops held today to discuss ideas for the 12-acre parcel north of City Hall that was acquired by the city and which is at the heart of the existing Certified Technology Park. She noted that integration of sustainability principles will be prominent in this development, and suggested that the commission get involved.
- She is also working with the Planning and Parks departments to facilitate a conversation among local mobility-focused community organizations to discuss next steps to achieving a Platinum ranking from the League of American Bicyclists. This could be scheduled for late this year or in early 2013.

### **Committee Reports:**

STAR – Cynthia Schultz

- Food Topic kick off meeting in August; follow up meetings will take place soon. Maggie and Claire volunteered to lead these discussions.
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) report for 2013 – propose to work with Molly O’Donnell and an MBA student to complete the Bloomington GRI report.
- Motion to create the GRI report with Professor White, Molly O’Donnell and graduate student team was passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

No New Business.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm